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SUBJECT: PROSPECTIVE MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER:

UNGA AND NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT

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1. IN ADDITION TO GUIDANCE IN STATE 112992, STATE 75525

PROVIDES YOU WITH DETAILED BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON UNGA

SPECIAL SESSION. SUBSTANTIVE ECONOMIC ISSUES LIKELY TO

ARISE IN NON-ALIGNED MEETINGS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME AS

THOSE ARISING IN UN FORA. WE HAVE ALSO REPEATED TO YOU

BY SEPTTEL GUIDANCE RELATING TO SECRETARY'S RECENT MAY 13

SPEECH ON ENERGY AND RAW MATERIALS IN KANSAS CITY. YOU

SHOULD DRAW AS APPROPRIATE FROM THESE WHEN YOU SEE THE

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PRIME MINISTER IN DISCUSSING 7TH UNGA SPECIAL SESSION AND

HANDLING OF ECONOMIC ISSUES BY NON-ALIGNED GROUP IN UP-

COMING LIMA FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING AND ULTIMATELY BY

1976 NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT.

2. AS YOU PROBABLY AWARE, RECENT HAVANA NON-ALIGNED SESSION WAS LARGELY CONCERNED WITH POLITICAL ISSUES AND DEALT ONLY BRIEFLY WITH ECONOMIC MATTERS, STRESSING NON-ALIGNED DESIRE FOR EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. POLITICAL RESULTS OF HAVANA MEETING WERE PARTICULARLY DISTURBING AS NON-ALIGNED ENDORSED SERIES OF ANTI-AMERICAN POINTS IN LANGUAGE WHICH WE FOUND

ESPECIALLY OFFENSIVE. IT WAS DISAPPOINTING TO US THAT GSL ASSOCIATED ITSELF WITH POSITIONS SUCH AS DECLARATION OF NON-ALIGNED SOLIDARITY WITH PUERTO RICAN NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT. WE HOPE GSL WILL USE ITS INFLUENCE AGAINST SUCH ONE-SIDED AND HOSTILE RESOLUTIONS IN FUTURE FORUM.

3. YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE TO PRIME MINISTER OUR BELIEF THAT USG AND GSL CAN AGREE THAT UNGA AND OTHER BODIES IN UN SYSTEM, AS WELL AS NON-ALIGNED GATHERINGS, WILL ULTIMATELY HAVE LIMITED VALUE IF MEMBERS USE THESE FORUMS PRIMARILY FOR HOSTILE RHETORIC AND CRITICISM AIMED AT THE U.S. RATHER THAN AS VEHICLES TO PREPARE FOR SERIOUS EFFORTS TO REACH MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE AND PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS TO IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS. THE US HOPES FOR PROGRESS ON SPECIFIC ECONOMIC ISSUES THROUGH EXTENSIVE AND COOPERATIVE NEGOTIATIONS IN UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORUMS BUT THIS CANNOT BE ACHIEVED IF THESE EFFORTS ARE PREEMPTED BY HOSTILE RHETORIC AND ABUSE AIMED AT THE US. GSL SHOULD KNOW THAT US PUBLIC OPINION HAS BEEN DEEPLY AFFRONTED BY SUCH ATTACKS; FOR EXAMPLE, THIS REACTION HAS BEEN REFLECTED IN A HEAVY VOLUME OF MAIL FROM THE US PUBLIC RECEIVED AT USUN AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OBJECTING TO UNWARRANTED CRITICISM OF THE US AT THE UN. WE LOOK TO THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION FOR AN INDICATION BY THE LDC'S THAT THEY ARE NOW PREPARED FOR CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE AND MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATION ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ISSUES OF HIGH IMPORTANCE TO WORLD COMMUNITY AS A CONFIDENTIAL

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WHOLE. USG HAS BEEN PREPARING ITSELF INTENSIVELY (SEE PARA ONE ABOVE) TO PRESENT SUBSTANTIVE PROPOSALS ON THE ISSUES AT 7TH SPECIAL SESSION AS PART OF OUR EFFORT TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS.

4. GIVEN GOOD RELATIONS WE HAVE WITH SRI LANKA WE WOULD HOPE GSL WILL USE ITS INFLUENCE, IN PREPARATIONS FOR 7TH SPECIAL SESSION AND LIMA NON-ALIGNED MEETING TO SEEK CONSTRUCTIVE RESULTS. WE ARE WELL AWARE OF GSL CONCERN THAT EFFECTIVE DIALOGUE BE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN LDC'S AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. WE SHARE THIS HOPE AND WOULD LIKE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH GSL ON HOW BEST TO AVOID GRAVE OBSTACLES TO SUCH DIALOGUE PRESENTED BY POLEMICAL DOCUMENTS

SUCH AS THAT ISSUED BY HAVANA MEETING. INGERSOLL

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